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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

P.S. - PR&RD Department - Allegations of irregularities in execution of Road works under NREGS in Srikakulam and Vizianagaram Districts – Charges framed against Sri B. Durga Prasad, the then Assistant Engineer, PR, Ranasthalam, Srikakulam District – Inquiry conducted - Charged Officer expired on 04.08.2020 – Further action abated under Rule 9 (7) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 in all respects - Orders – Issued

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.386 **Dated.13.04.2022.**

Read the following:-

1. From the ENC, PR, Letter No. Vig. I ()/1001/2015, Dated: 04.08.2015.
2. G.O.Rt.No.460,PR&RD (Vig. I) Department, Dt: 12.05.2016.
3. G.O.Rt.No.462, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt.12.05.2016.
4. From Sri B. Durga Prasad, Assistant Engineer, PR, O/o. PIU, Vijayawada, written statement of defence dt: 16.07.2016.
5. G.O.Rt.No.419, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt: 13.06.2019.
6. From the ENC,PR & Inquiry Authority, Letter No. ENC (PR)/1001/Enquiry Report/2015, dated: 24.03.2021.
7. From the ENC,PR, Letter NO. Vig. I (1)/1001/2015, dated: 15.03.2022.

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ORDER:

In the references 2nd and 3rd read above, Government have initiated common disciplinary proceedings under Rule 24 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 duly framing following article of charge under Rule 20 of above said Rules against Sri B. Durga Prasad, Assistant Engineer, PR, Ranasthalam, Srikakulam District in respect of allegation of irregularities in execution of following work, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence.

Charge:

That Sri B. Durga Prasad, the then Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Ranasthalam, Srikakulam District executed construction of internal CC roads and drains in New SC colony to Pydibheemavaram in Srikakulam, under MGNREGS during 2013-14 and committed certain irregularities like (i) deficiency observed in both length and thickness of CC pavement, (ii) deficit amount for excess length of CC pavement recorded, (iii) rejected value for Bit II as deficiency in thickness (43.20%) is more than 20%, (iv) recovery value for polythene sheet not actually on ground. He is responsible for misappropriation of Government funds to a tune of amount of Rs.4,98,008/- Hence the charge.

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2. In the reference 4th read above, the charged officer Sri B. Durga Prasad, Assistant Engineer, V&QC Division, Vijayawada has submitted his written statement of defence. As the same is not convincing, Government have decided to conduct regular inquiry into the matter. Accordingly, in the reference 5th read above, Government appointed the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada as the Inquiry Authority under Rule 20 (2) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against the charged officer Sri B. Durga Prasad, Assistant Engineer (PR) and against ten (10) other co-charged officers involved in the case.

3. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiring Authority has submitted inquiry report dt:24.03.2021, wherein the Inquiry Officer, among others, has held that the Executive Engineer, PR, Vigilance & Quality Control, Srikakulam in his re-inspection report dt: 26.05.2020 has arrived the total recovery of Rs.59,253/- (as against the previous recover proposed of Rs.4,98,008/-) and the deficiencies are within tolerable limits and total recovery of Rs.59,253/- has been remitted and no financial loss. The Inquiry Authority has held that Charges against the charged officer Sri B. Durga Prasad, Assistant Engineer (Retired) and expired on 04.08.2020 due to Covid-19, is not held proved.

4. In the reference 7th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, PR, AP, Vijayawada among others, has informed that Sri B. Durga Prasad, the then Assistant Engineer, PR, Ranastalam (Retd.) was expired on 04.08.2020 due to Covid-19 and requested to communicate the orders in the above disciplinary case for taking further action in the matter.

5. Government, after examination of the matter have accepted the finding of the Inquiry Authority dt:24.03.2021 for the reasons recorded therein in respect of deceased officer and to abate further action against the deceased in all respects.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby abate further action against Sri B. Durga Prasad, former Assistant Engineer, PR, Ranastalam, Srikakulam (Retired & Expired on 04.08.2020) under rule 9(7) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules,1980, in all respects.

7. The Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECREARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

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Copy to:-

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The Accountant General, A.P, Hyderabad.
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